



## North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners Annual Report 2015-2016

### PURPOSE

The Board of Podiatry Examiners for the State of North Carolina (NCBPE) was established by [North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#) as North Carolina's licensing and registry board for the profession of podiatry. The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms.

The purpose of NCBPE is to serve the best interests of the public and medical profession by evaluating the initial and continuing qualifications of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina. All candidates are expected to have completed a baccalaureate degree. This is normally required for admission to colleges of podiatric medicine. All podiatrists licensed by the NCBPE have attained the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree from an accredited college of podiatric medicine. All candidates are expected to have completed or be working towards completion of a postdoctoral residency program. The Board reviews the qualifications of candidates; conducts oral, practical and written examinations; and issues licenses. In addition to issuing licenses, the Board also on occasion suspends, revokes or cancels licenses of podiatrists in the state of North Carolina.

All podiatrists in the state are required to [renew their licenses](#) annually. NCBPE renewal of licensure indicates that the podiatrist has completed a process that requires participation in 25 hours of continuing education related to podiatry from an accredited provider/s.

### GENERAL STATUTE REFERENCE

[North Carolina General Statute \(90-202.2 to 90-202.14\)](#)

### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT REFERENCE

<http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp?folderName=\\Title%2021%20-%20Occupational%20Licensing%20Boards%20and%20Commissions\\Chapter%2052%20-%20Podiatry%20Examiners>

Title 21-Occupational Licensing Boards and Commissions, Chapter 52-Podiatry Examiners

### HISTORY; BOARD COMPOSITION; STAFFING; HEADQUARTERS

Established February 1, 1919 by North Carolina General Assembly.

The NCBPE consists of four members, three North Carolina licensed podiatrists and one member from the community. All members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Members and officers of the Board of Podiatry Examiners of the State of North Carolina are as follows:

Dr. William J. O'Neill, DPM (Term I ends 6/30/2017)

**President**

InStride Carolina Foot Care Associates

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Statesville NC 28677

Dr. Thurmond Eric Siceloff, DPM (Term I ends 6/30/2019)

**Vice President**

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**Winston-Salem, NC 27103**

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**Secretary-Treasurer**

Cornerstone Health Care, PA  
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**Public Member**

127 Brookhill Rd.  
Shelby, NC 28150

**Executive Secretary & Official Board Address:**

Penney De Pas, MA, CAE  
NC Board of Podiatry Examiners  
1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102  
Raleigh, NC 27607

The North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners (NCBPE) contracts annually with a management firm, FirstPoint Management Resources, Inc., in Raleigh and, therefore, does not employ any staff members directly nor lease office space directly. The management firm's office is used as the NCBPE's headquarters and Executive Secretary's address: 1500 Sunday Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27607.

**CURRENT STATISTICS**

As of May 31, 2016, there were 373 North Carolina licensed podiatrists. Four (4) of these were temporary licensees working on a military installation in the state, and four (4) others were temporary licensees in a new clinical residency program at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. A total of 72 N.C. licensed podiatrists practiced outside the state and 301 in the state. There were 150 Professional Corporations and PLLCs registered with the Board for 2016. Of the 150 corporations, 30 have multiple offices, for a total of 231 podiatry offices in NC. Of the 231 offices total, there are 120 corporations of which 30 have multiple practice locations and 36 single practices (7 fewer than the previous year). Six (6) corporate Administrative Suspensions were issued in 2016 (non-payment of fees), and there were two new corporations opened in the first part of 2016. We have noticed a trend of podiatry offices either joining medical practices or other podiatry practices to offer more locations but fewer corporations.

**2015-2016 RENEWALS**

365 licenses were renewed for the 2015-2016 renewal period.

13 persons were granted new licenses (2/1/16)

8 persons were granted temporary restricted licenses.

0 person applied for license by reciprocity or comity

0 persons were granted license by reciprocity or comity

13 licenses were retired or surrendered voluntarily (6/30/16)

3 licenses were revoked due to non-payment of renewal fees (1/1/16)

1 license was terminated due to death.

0 license is pending suspension/revocation

0 license was terminated for any other reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

## **2016 NEW LICENSEES**

On February 1, 2016, 13 podiatrists who passed the 2016 exam were granted licenses to practice podiatry in North Carolina following a practice- and ethics-training and exam held in Greensboro, NC, on January 27, 2016.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Board received 7 formal complaints about licensees between June 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016. Four (4) were found to have no probable cause and one (1) was withdrawn. There were two (2) grievances that were still awaiting final Board decision at the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year.

## **2015 LICENSURE EXAM**

The Board elected to switch the time of year it gives its licensing exam from early May to early November as we found that, by the time the May exams were graded, the licensure candidates had selected positions in other states. The Board held its last May exam in 2015 and its first November exam November 6-7, 2015, at the Board's headquarters. A total of 17 candidates applied for the exam and 14 examinees sat for the two-day oral, written and practical examination. All of the 14 candidates who took the first part of the exam passed, of which 13 returned to the Greensboro on January 27, 2016, for a practice-and-ethics exam which all passed. Thirteen (13) initial licenses were issued. No one was refused for examination if all their application materials were received in a timely manner.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

25 Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit hours are required for license renewal, including one (1) hour of controlled substances/opioid prescribing. The Board of Podiatry Examiners issued an amendment to its Administrative Rule, 21 NCAC 52.0208, which, added the one additional hour pursuant to S.L. 2015-241, s. 12F16(b) and (c).

## **RENEWAL**

Renewal fees are \$200.00 annually. The fee for new licensee certificates is \$100.00. Currently, late fees are \$25.00 per month beginning July 1 of the renewal year. Late fees were assessed to all incomplete applications.

## **PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS**

No statutory amendments are proposed at this time.

## **PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AMENDMENTS**

The Board underwent Periodic Review of its existing Administrative Rules HB74. The Board's Re-Adopted Rules were approved by the Rules Review Commission on August 18, 2016, and should become effective September 1, 2016.

In addition, the Board:

- Adopted 21 NCAC 52.0215 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE
- Amended NCAC 52.0611 FORMS AND APPLICATIONS
- Amended 21 NCAC 52.0208 CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION, to accept fellowships as allowable CME credits and to accept a note from a PA or NP as well as one from a physician for a hardship waiver for medical reasons.

The Board is proposing two new Administrative Rules (numbers may change):

- 21 NCAC 52.0620 COMPLAINTS
- 21 NCAC 52.1501 UNLICENSED ACTIVITY